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10:00 A. M.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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REPRESENTATIVE

GOVERNOR'S REPORT

I hope everyone has made it through the winter weather with a minimum of trouble.

The tribal controller Belinda Collins and her team has been working very diligently on the 2010 audit and the 2011 tribal budgets, and it looks like we are starting this year off in better shape than we were able to for a couple of years. All departments have made some drastic sacrifices in order to save, and utilize money in a more efficient manner. THANKS to all employees, your efforts are greatly appreciated.

The present Executive Committee has been addressing, and will continue to address all issues brought to their attention by concerned tribal members. The Executive Committee has come up with some very creative ways to address issues brought to their attention and congratulations are in order for their efforts. I personally want to thank them for their willingness to work together as a team. There are a lot of projects going on at this time by all members of the Executive Committee that they will cover for you in their reports. Again, thanks to the Executive Committee and all of our tribal employees for their efforts.

Respectfully,
George Blanchard, Governor

LT. GOVERNOR'S REPORT

In reading the latest report submitted by this office, I would like to give you a brief update on those projects and let you know what we have coming up.

I'm sure that those of you that have been to the complex have noticed that new construction on the AST Casino Shawnee has started. Presently, I can not give you any time frames. Ken Jones is the point of contact for the tribe on this project. The project seems to be moving along quit well.

We have also talked with Cleveland County on resurfacing Franklin Road. It will be west of 156th and 144th north on Franklin for a total of 1.5 miles of 4" asphalt overlay. The remaining stimulus money will be utilized for this project. We will not be using the Tribe's IRR funds. Once again we will be allowed to make a small profit off of this project.

We have had on going dialogue with Pottawatomie County regarding Kings Road. We have come to a verbal agreement of sorts. One of the options was that the County provides labor, equipment, design and materials; the Tribe would provide the funding for the materials. The other option was that the Tribe would engage the services of an engineering firm, have the road designed, bid the job and have the road built to our engineer's specks. All the County would be required to do is approve the final project and accept the Maintenance Agreement on the road after construction. These options have been put forth to the Counties legal department for review.

Since the Tribe compacted the IRR Program we have the money locally and what we want to do is to keep something lined up all time. We are currently wrapping up Horse Shoe Bend; Brendle Corner is in the very early stages of design & engineering. Work on Franklin Road should be started within the next month. We are waiting on Southern Plains Region and Myron Dowell from the Office of Self Governance to assist us in getting this route on a Federal Highway TIP. Once the route is on the FHWA TIP we can begin work.

We are watching the President's budget for 2012 very closely. There are proposed cuts for some Native American programs, but over all, right now it looks like the BIA programs will receive a slight increase. Currently the budget is proposed; it has not been accepted or passed by congress. As we move on into the year we will keep an eye on what's happening and how we will be affected. Posting signs on the complex has been

an on-going effort. Initially, to preserve tribal language, the signs were constructed and designed in both the Shawnee and English language. This could assist persons visiting the complex to add words to their Shawnee vocabulary. I believe it's been 2 ½ to 3 years since this project was started. Then Building Block was built and requirements for street signs became necessary so kicked it up a notch. Andy Warrior has been working with Signs USA on putting the signs up. You might also need to be aware that traffic codes have been put in place in the law and order code. You can receive a citation for not obeying the tribe's traffic laws.

Regarding the probate issue, final arguments are set for March 16th. The Government, via, the Field Solicitor's office has filed a brief on behalf of the Tribe. I think this is a step in the tribes favor. We definitely want to win this case. The Tribe's Attorney, Bill Perry and tribal staff have worked extremely hard to build a winning case. My hopes are high regarding this matter; I just don't want to think we have a slam dunk when it's always left up to the judge. However I do feel that we've provided enough good information and Mr. Perry has compiled it in such a way that we have a very good chance.

Isaac Gibson

/s/

Lieutenant Governor

PROBATE CASE UPDATE

The probate case concerning which tribe is the "tribe with jurisdiction" over the Absentee Shawnee trust allotments is now ready for a decision. The case has been fully briefed and a hearing in the case was held in Oklahoma City on March 16. This case involves the probate of several Absentee Shawnee trust allotments where the owner died without a will. The case will determine whether certain fractional interests pass to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe or the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. The Absentee Shawnee Tribe has been actively involved in the case, to uphold and defend its jurisdiction over these lands and over all Absentee Shawnee trust allotments.

The hearing was held before Judge Reeh, an Interior Department Probate Judge. Members of the Absentee Shawnee Executive Committee, Tribal staff and other interested Tribal members attended. Bill Perry and Anne Noto, attorneys from the Sonosky firm in Washington, D.C., represented the Tribe.

Mr. Perry presented argument for the Tribe. Mr. Perry stressed that the Absentee Shawnee Tribe is the only tribe that exercises actual jurisdiction over these lands, and this has always been the case. Mr. Perry described the history of these lands, and emphasized that they were set aside by the United States for the Absentee Shawnee and have been in Absentee Shawnee ownership and under Absentee Shawnee governmental authority for generations.

A key issue in the case is the possible impact of the 1998 Collier decision. Mr. Perry provided the reasons why the Collier decision should not be applied to this case, including that Collier involved only the process for taking fee land into trust, and had nothing to do with which tribe has jurisdiction over these trust allotments.

Attorneys for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation also presented their position. An attorney from the Interior Department Field Solicitor's office presented the federal government's position, supporting the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.

Judge Reeh provided an opportunity for Tribal members to speak. An interested Absentee Shawnee Tribal member, Renee Williams, provided a strong statement about the importance to her family of the Absentee Shawnee trust allotment that they have lived on for many generations. Ms. Williams explained to Judge Reeh how unsettling and disruptive it would be if Citizen Potawatomi were to gain an interest in Absentee Shawnee trust allotments. Ms. Williams made it clear how strongly the Absentee Shawnee people feel about their connection with these lands and with the need to preserve the Absentee Shawnee Tribe's authority over these lands.

Overall, the hearing went well for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. The case has now been completely briefed. The next step is for Judge Reeh to decide the case. While there is no specific timetable for this, we expect a written ruling from Judge Reeh some time in the next several months. We will keep you informed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Well its back to work for me after being off for the month of February for back surgery. I hope all is well and doing fine. This is a new year and with several projects on the burner we will need to get a lot accomplished this year. We have our work cut out for us.

Below you will find several projects that the current EC has followed up on and finished.

All that is left is constructing and opening for business.

This is the first time I feel that this tribe is moving forward since I have been working here at the Tribe. We the Executive Committee are working together and have been trying to keep up the pace and are doing very well with what we have. It's hard to please all tribal members when we need to spend money to bring in money. But it's something you have to do when you need more economic development, with revenue to help our tribal members and to keep up the programs we offer.

Since we passed the new blood quantum we have enrolled 140 and have 175 pending as of March 7, 2011. We have received 315 applicants for new enrollees. This means more program dollars that we need to bring in and we the EC are looking at several other ways of doing this but it just takes time. We are doing a great job I think, and hope you think so too.

Thunderbird Casino Shawnee: We are moving forward on the construction phase of the new Casino here on the Complex. This is the same project of which was originally supposed to open in February of this year. I feel that this will offer a great benefit with jobs for tribal members in this area of town. I am very excited to finally see that the project is moving forward.

Thunderbird Casino: It has been very exciting that our Thunderbird casino has begun to turn around and be profitable. It still continues to prosper and the crowd is steadily growing. I would like to Thank Kurt and Drew and all the dedicated employees that has stuck it out through the good and bad times.

All Nations Bank: We are also very excited to see the All Nations Bank finally opened after several years of standing empty. Please stop and check out the bank. Feel free to stop in and ask questions about the checking and savings accounts.

Absentee Shawnee Health Center: This project has been in the works for several years and this is one of the most important projects for our tribal membership. I was so proud to hear that the topping out ceremony was the day I returned to work after being gone for a month due to back surgery. It was a very proud day for the entire community of Little Axe. Several tribal elders were in attendance along with several different dignitaries. It turned out so great to see my first Topping out Ceremon

I would like to extend my condolences to the family of Steve Anderson. He was a very dedicated and hard working employee. He worked for going on ten years here at the tribe. He was currently the Manager of the Harrah Smoke shop. Very special person and was very easy to get along with and I enjoyed working with him. He will truly be missed. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Thank you
Secretary Lopez.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Hello Tribal Members,

Happy Easter! Daylight Savings time again! Hope all is well with you and yours! Hopefully everyone that does a garden has planted their seeds and is beginning to see the fruits of their labor. Congratulations to those candidates that will be on the ballot for June 18th election! Remember to cast your vote in the election; this is your time to exercise your right as a tribal member. The Tax Free clinic sponsored by the OILs group was very successful and they served about 300+.

Office of Treasurer has been busy with candidate requests, 2010 audit began on February 28, executive committee meetings formal and informal, numerous calls and visits see below list:

• Phil H. Viles, Jr., Chief, Division of Capital Investment, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, Department of Interior, and Marion McMillan, President , BancFirst, Executive Committee, and the Nabholz Construction Company at LiSiWiNwi construction site and Mr. Viles was given a tour of the area and he took some pictures.

Phil Viles, Governor, and I at LiSiWiNWi construction site

• Attended monthly Investment with Redstone Investment Meeting

• Attended monthly Program Directors/ Managers meeting

• Attended the Monthly AST Health Board of Directors Meeting

• Attended couple of interview panels

•Attended Special called Executive Committee Meeting for new enrollees about 145 new enrollees since November when blood quantum change to 1/8th and have received 300+ applications for enrollment

• Attended monthly ASEDA Shareholders' Meeting

• Attended monthly Elder Meeting

• Application for Gaming License in process

• AllNations Annual Meeting of Shareholders

• ASEDA Board Meeting, regular and attended business venture development meeting in Texas

• Attended the "Topping Out" Ceremony at the new LiSiWiNwi Health Facility in Little Axe, had attendance about 100+ tribal members, employees, IHS Area Director, Nabholz Construction Services, Childers Architect, and ADG Architectural Design Group, etc.

• Attending the Opening of ALLNations Bank with Eddie Brokeshoulder met the employees, Gene Davis, Chairman/ CEO, Eugene Stidham, Vice-President/ Branch Mgr, Heather Hill, and Janice Boettner

• Opened a personal account with our new AllNations Bank and I encourage all tribal members to open an account at our AST tribally-owned bank.

• Congratulations to Executive Commit-

tee's Employee of Month Winners, for January, Wannetta Battise, and February, Genevieve Foster.

We appreciate all your phone calls, emails, and visits. Happy Easter and May God bless you this time of year! See below articles from AllNations Bank; Financial Consultant, Eddie Brokeshoulder; and Finance Department.

Sincerely,
Kathy Deere, Treasurer

FINANCIAL CONSULTANT

Renewable Energy for Tribal Communities

Attended a no-cost Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy for Tribal Community Development conference, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The energy conference focused on Tribal communities developing energy efficiency and renewable energy conservation programs. Grants were awarded primarily for energy efficiency and conservation activities, of these awards they had 574 Tribal Entities and 422 awarded with Absentee Shawnee Tribe receiving an award for $189,500. U.S. Department of Energy field office in Golden, Colorado, is available to assist Absentee Shawnee Tribe in developing a Strategic Energy Development plan, and developing programs and businesses that can provide training and job opportunities.

Shawnee Language Revitalization

As reported last month the Absentee Shawnee Tribe would collaborate and partner with two other Shawnee Tribes in the submission of Administration for Native Americans (ANA) Native American Language Preservation three-year grant. Since I last reported, Shawnee Tribe of Miami, Oklahoma has decided not to partner and participate in the submission with a due date of December 8, 2010. Next month my report will focus on Objectives and Activities and Results and Benefits Expected of the language grant.

AllNations Bank

March 1, 2011 opening of AllNations Bank, Treasurer Deere and I visited and welcomed bank officers Gene Davis, Chairman / CEO, Eugene Stidham, Vice President / Branch Manager and staffers Janice Boettner and Heather Hill. Today was the beginning of a new day for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe in opening of our Tribal bank. **The Absentee Shawnee Tribe can say rightfully, they own their own bank and are one of the less than forty (40) Tribes across the Nation.** AllNations Bank ownership is proof that Absentee Shawnee Tribe can move forward as a Self-Governing tribal nation in becoming progressive a partner with the banking institution.

Absentee Shawnee Economic Development Authority, Inc.

Attended a business venture development meeting in Plano, Texas, with Treasurer and board members of the Absentee Shawnee Economic Development Authority, Inc., (ASEDA).

Respectfully,

Eddie Brokeshoulder

Financial Consultant

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The Finance office continues our efforts in keeping the day to day activities flowing efficiently and effectively through communication between the Finance office and Programs. In working together, we have found the most time effective and cost effective processes for transacting business.

Our 2010 Audit is under way and began February 28, 2011. The estimated completion date is April 2011 and will include the MD&A (Management Discussion and Analysis). The MD&A report is an informative report within the 2010 Audit; which is a brief review and explanation of the Audit. The Finance staff has completed the February reconciliation for financial reporting. The majority of the documents and records for Audit have been pulled and submitted to the Auditors.

The Indirect Cost Proposal for 2011 final document has been signed by the Governor and mailed. Our rate is up from 17.74% for 2010 to 21.98% for 2011 and we have received final letter signed by the National Business Center.

The finance department continues to complete accounting by the seventh day of the month and have been since August 2010; so that financial reports can be created for the Health Authority and Li Si Wi Nwi, Health Inc. boards for health programs both Shawnee and Little Axe.

It is imperative the accounting / bookkeeping continue to stay ahead of all of the accounting so that audits go smoothly so that Indirect Cost rates will stay up to date as well. Indirect cost proposals cannot be submitted without completed audits as the audits are used to calculate the proposal.

There are many processes in place in your Tribe's accounting department that ensure we keep accurate records of transactions. The Tribe's accounting processes must be in compliance with GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) and GASB (Governmental Accounting Standards Board).

The Tribe currently has compact funds of BIA and I H S, 51 Grants, and the new Clinic business.

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Finance Department has very hard working group

of people and it is an honor to work with them, the Treasurer's office and at the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.

This department, as always, would like to extend a special thanks and note of appreciation to the Executive Committee for providing the tools, resources and support to enable the finance staff to reach its accomplished goals and to continue with this effort. A special thanks and note of appreciation to Program Managers and Employees of the Tribe for their assistance and dedication in our group effort toward accomplishing our goal. Now that we are caught up, we are dedicated to continue our efforts in this direction.

If you have any questions or needs, please call 405-275-4030 ext 162 and I will be glad to assist you in any way I can.

Respectfully,
Belinda Collins, Controller

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ALLNATIONS BANK

Hello to All of Our Absentee Shawnee Tribe Friends

About a year ago, Governor Blanchard asked Gene Davis and me to make every effort to open the branch to Shawnee. Through the Governor's and council's support we can now say, "Mission Accomplished." On March 1st, we opened our Shawnee Branch located at 2023 S. Gordon Cooper Drive. (Located at the front door of the Tribal Complex)

COME ONE, COME ALL! I am sure that most Tribal members have a bank account in the Shawnee area. We also realize that changing banks can be a hard process. On the other hand, one of the easiest ways to accomplish this change is to come in and open an account. That way you can make the move to your bank (100% tribe-owned) over time. This will also give you a chance to get to know us and vice-versa.

Banking is a "people business." You can put a bank on every street corner in order to be "convenient" or whatever, but it actually comes down to the people in that bank to make the bank a success. We know that we have the people to make our bank a complete success. Credit Unions were started on the basis of a common bond between its members and the need to provide financial services for its members. Thus, in the case of AllNations Bank, your tribal membership and the tribe's 100% ownership of the bank is the common bond for you to support this important Tribal endeavor.

Your bank is a full service bank. We offer a full line of banking product and lots of friendly service. Your deposits are fully insured by the FDIC which is backed by the full faith and credit of the United States government. If you recall, we mentioned a few months ago that The Wall Street Reform Act made permanent an increase to $250,000 per depositor for insurance protection. Well, now there is even better news. When you are in the branch, ask our staff to explain how you can have unlimited coverage from the FDIC for your deposits. I mean millions of dollars.

We promise you, that, if you give us a chance, we will not let you down when it comes to meeting your financial needs. Our promise to the Governor to get the branch open was only the first step in providing this important component to the members of The Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma. We provide both personal and business services. So.....

Come in and open an account today!

See you soon, the coffee pot is on.

Bob, Gene, and Staff

REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Hello Absentee Shawnee Tribe

I HOPE everyone is well and in good spirits, It has been a really good and Positive experience working for my Tribe and my heart goes out to everyone who is sick or going through times that are rough!!! So if you know someone who needs help or just needs to talk please take the time to give some advice or just listen because sometimes that is all that is needed! You know with Spring around the corner all of our young Tribal members will be starting baseball or softball games so make time and catch a game because all of our Tribal children and youth need our love and support!!

Since in office many changes have been made and the Tribe is moving in a different direction. As everyone knows it takes time to change but in my mind when I ran for the Representative's chair I felt that change is what this Tribe needed. We the Executive Committee have been working and discussing all business on a regular basis whether by phone, E-mail, or in person, staying in contact all the time with one another to make this Tribe one of the Elite in the World.
I believe that it is possible to show other tribes that the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is climbing and making their way back to where we once were.

The New clinic is in full progression at this time and I admit it is really nice to see that big building going up in Little Axe that can be seen from the top of the Rolling hills of the Little Axe community. We were visited by Phil Viles who is the Chief of the Division of Capital Investment Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development U.S. Department of the Interior and he was very pleased with the new clinic`s progression and development.

The New Casino Project has started here on the Complex it will be constructed in front of the Clinic here on Campus. The revenue that will come from the New Casino will most definitely be welcomed with open arms because at this day and time with prices going up in all phases of this economy, we will be able to use the money within our Tribe.

The Programs that I am over at this time have been very busy but still have time to assist you in anyway possible, so if you need to use the Tribe's services, feel free to call me or one of the directors over that respected

Program….

Representative Gibson

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TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS OFFICE

The AST TERO program has been very busy in developing and getting off the ground with the TERO program. Our job skills bank is growing, by the day, and if you have not been in the TERO office yet, we encourage you to come by and fill out an application. Based upon your skills and experience, we will place you in a category for example: painters, dry wall, roofers, welders, and laborers. Please bring your picture ID, social security card, and CDIB card. If you have a resume, bring that too. We have the capability to help write a resume, if you need the help. As with any new program, it takes a little time to get things in place and get everyone on board. TERO is here to help you and assist individuals find a job, provide training, and basically help get folks into the workforce. We would like to thank everyone that was involved and who came out and participated in our job fair at the Little Axe Resource Center.

We have placed workers at the casino, new clinic at Little Axe, and clean up crew at Harrah smoke shop. So please, stop by and see how TERO can help you. The AST TERO program would like to thank the AST council for their support and assistance in helping TERO get established.

Resolutions

The following are Resolutions passed during the month of February 2011

EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS:

E-AS-11-17 02/16/11
Authorizes and approves the Real Estate Lease to Purchase Agreement regarding the Larney Property and the transfer of said property upon completion of the terms of the Agreement.

E-AS-11-18 02/16/11
Approves and accepts Xander Ralph White, Charles Daniel White IV, Joshua Dale Robbins, Ariel Nicole Robbins, Katlyn Alexzandrea Masquas, Renee June Ellis, David John Bradley, Tiffany Ranae Erickson, Keely Danielle Richard, Brittany Clara Bailey, Brooke Lynn Bailey, Christopher James Wallace, Diondre Dashawn Maxwell, Alecia Lucinda Neash, Brodie Wade Johnson, David Paul Alford, Aisaiah Anthony Oscar Ponce, Aiyanna Che'la Marie Griego, Susan Margaret Roller, David Lee Roller, Madison Mackenzie Whims, Brianna Morgan Wakley, Catalyna Jade Douglass, Christian Jayce Douglass, Dillon Wayne Collett and Savanna Len Collett as enrolled members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma as of the date of this resolution.

E-AS-11-19 02/16/11
Adopts and approves the submission of an application to the U.S.Department of Justice Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation.

E-AS-11-20 02/16/11
Approves an agreement between the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and the State of Oklahoma, Department of Human Services, regarding the approval, provision, and payment of foster care services for Native children, as attached, and authorizing Governor George Blanchard to execute said agreement.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS:

L-AS-11-01 02/16/11
Authorizes and approves a corporate credit card for the Tribal Energy Assistance Program of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma in the name of Annie Wilson with a credit limit of Five Thousand Dollars and no/cents ($5,000.00).

Platinum Rainmakers

For Immediate Release
March 15, 2011

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FORMS COMPANY TO SELL/LEASE VEHICLES ACROSS THE U.S.

The Absentee Shawnee Economic Development Authority (ASEDA) has joined forces with Park Lease of Dallas, Texas to launch ASEDA Fleet, Inc., to manage the process of sourcing, buying, financing and leasing fleet vehicles for Tribal Governments, Native American owned companies, non-tribal corporations and government entities across U.S. The announcement of this service comes just in time for the national tribal economic development RES show in Las Vegas March 14 –17

Historically, Native American business leaders have found it nearly impossible to find a trusted, experienced vehicle fleet company that delivers best performance practices and prices. ASEDA Fleet takes advantage of economies of scale, offers unique pricing incentives for tribal owned businesses, competitive financing options, low-cost lease alternatives and a choice of virtually any make and model vehicle.

Complementing these offerings is the stellar service and customer support through their alliance with Park Lease, led by David Thomas, a 30-year industry veteran. This collaborative approach enables ASEDA Fleet to also address the growing demand for eco-friendly, fuel-saving vehicle options.

Notes Dan Little Axe, president of ASEDA Fleet, "This is a great opportunity for us to perpetuate value to all Native American business leaders and truly champion the RES mission: 'Native Trade; Native Ways' by offering a truly valuable service."

ASEDA Fleet is a100% Native-American owned firm located in a Underutilized Business Zone (HUB) founded by the Absentee Shawnee Economic Development Authority (ASEDA), a federally chartered corporation of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma. ASEDA Fleet is strategically poised to serve the fleet needs of:

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businesses seeking a highly responsive, well-operated company to meet their diverse fleet needs, **tribal governments and Native American-owned enterprises** seeking competitively-priced vehicles from a top-shelf support service team, as well as **government entities** seeking well-priced fleet vehicles for departmental use in a variety of capacities for DOD (military); IHS, (service) and FEMA (emergencies).

The name "Absentee-Shawnee" comes from the United States government, when a division of the traditional Shawnee Tribe absented itself from the reservation in Kansas in the early 1800's. This group moved to what was then called "Indian Territory," later to become the State of Oklahoma. The Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma consists of two bands: The White Turkey Band and the Big Jim Band. Three Tribes of the Shawnee exist today - the Absentee-Shawnee, the Loyal Shawnee and the Eastern Shawnee.

For further information on ASEDA Fleet, browse their new web site launching March 14.

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4th Annual Native American 5K National Championships & Community 5K Run

EVENTS

Special recognition of Jerry & Terri Tuckwin and Esther Felipe

Time: 8:00 am

Race will be held on the campus of Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute located at 9169 Coors Rd NW Albuquerque, New Mexico
The course is a flat, paved, 2 loop course and is considered one the fastest courses at altitude. This course is designed for very fast times.

Register Early for HUGE discounts. Teams, families, clubs, organizations & businesses. Contact SWTC to discuss discounts for multiple entries.

For more information or to have a entry form sent to you, email:

SportsWarriorsTC@aol.com

Call: 505 710-3323

5k Runs (competitive)
1K Kids Race (12 & Under) (competitive)
1 & 2 Mile Fitness Walks (non-competitive)
400 Meter toddler dash (non-competitive)

All entrants in the toddler 400 meter non-competitive dash receive awards

Awards in multiple age divisions

Goodie bags to all toddler and 1K runners

Post race refreshments included with your entry

Pre and Post race chiropractic service and body alignments

Proceeds benefit SIPI Rodeo Club and SWTC

SATURDAY JUNE 18, 2011
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

There will be a traditional Pueblo style throw after all the events have been contested

Many other activities are being planned for the participants enjoyment.

ALL FORMER HASKELL ALUMNI, CROSS-COUNTRY AND TRACK AND FIELD RUNNERS ARE ENCOURGED TO ATTEND THIS HONORING OF THE TUCKWINS, REGARDLESS OF WHEN YOU AT-

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CAMPERS, SAVE THE DATE:

NYPD Camp is celebrating its 10th Year!!!!

June 13 – 17, 2011

For American Indian youth aged 8-12 years old

Native Youth Preventing Diabetes

Don't Miss Out. Contact Your Tribe to Register

Please Contact Absentee Shawnee Tribe Diabetes Wellness Program at 878-4702 or 364-7298

Important information about the $3.4 billion Indian Trust Settlement

For current or former IIM account holders, Owners of land held in trust or restricted status, or their heirs

There is a proposed Settlement in *Cobell v. Salazar,* a class action lawsuit about individual Indian land held in trust by the federal government. This notice is just a summary. For details, call the toll-free number or visit the website listed below.

The lawsuit claims that the federal government violated its duties by (a) mismanaging trust funds/assets, (b) improperly accounting for those funds, and (c) mismanaging trust land/assets. The trust funds include money collected from farming and grazing leases, timber sales, mining, and oil and gas production from land owned by American Indians/Alaska Natives.

If you are included in the Settlement, your rights will be affected. To object to the Settlement, to comment on it, or to exclude yourself, you should get a detailed notice at www.IndianTrust.com or by calling 1-800-961-6109.

Can I get money?

There are two groups or "Classes" in the Settlement eligible for payment. Each Class includes individual IIM account holders or owners of land held in trust or restricted status who were alive on September 30, 2009.

Historical Accounting Class Members

- Had an open individual Indian Money account ("IIM") anytime between October 25, 1994 and September 30, 2009, **and**
- The account had at least one cash transaction.
- Includes estates of account holders who died as of September 30, 2009, if the IIM account was still open on that date.

Trust Administration Class Members

- Had an IIM account recorded in currently available data in federal government systems any time from approximately 1985 to September 30, 2009, **or**
- Owned trust land or land in restricted status as of September 30, 2009.
- Includes estates of landowners who died as of September 30, 2009 where the trust interests were in probate as of that date. This means you have asked a court to transfer ownership of the deceased landowner's property.

An individual may be included in one or both Classes.

What does the Settlement provide?

- A $1.5 billion fund to pay those included in the Classes.
- A $1.9 billion fund to buy small interests in trust or restricted land owned by many people.
- Up to $60 million to fund scholarships to improve access to higher education for Indian youth.
- A government commitment to reform the Indian trust management and accounting system.

How much can I get?

- Historical Accounting Class Members will each get $1,000.
- Trust Administration Class Members will get at least $500.
- If you own a small parcel of land with many other people, the federal government may ask you to sell it. You will be offered fair market value. If you sell your land it will be returned to tribal control.

If you believe you are a member of either Class and are not receiving IIM account statements, you will need to call the toll-free number or visit the website to register.

What are my other rights?

- If you wish to keep your right to sue the federal government about the claims in this Settlement, you must exclude yourself by **April 20, 2011**.
- If you stay in the Settlement you can object to or comment on it by **April 20, 2011**. The detailed notice explains how to exclude yourself or object/comment.

The U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia will hold a hearing on June 20, 2011, to consider whether to approve the Settlement. It will also consider a request for attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses in the amount of $99.9 million. However, Class Counsel has fee agreements that would pay them 14.75% of the funds created for the Classes, which could result in an award of $223 million. The Court may award more or less than these amounts based on controlling law. If approved, these payments and related costs will come out of the Settlement funds available for payment to Class Members.

If you wish, you or your own lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at your own cost. For more information, call or go to the website shown below or write to Indian Trust Settlement, P.O. Box 9577, Dublin, OH 43017-4877.

For more Information: 1-800-961-6109 www.IndianTrust.com

UNOFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE ELECTION COMMISSION
UNOFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS
PRIMARY ELECTION MARCH 19, 2011

This is to announce the **Unofficial** results of the March 19, 2011 Primary Election for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma. This election was held on the above date pursuant To the Tribal Constitution and the Election Ordinance. All votes were counted at the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Complex.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Governor: (2 Year Term)

Kenneth Blanchard	72	Votes
George Blanchard	141	Votes
Ewell Longhorn	79	Votes

Tribal Secretary: (2 Year Term)

Leonard Longhorn	74	Votes
Michelle Armstrong-Lopez	57	Votes
Jim Johnson	65	Votes
John Al Little Axe	11	Votes
Teri Reed (Teresa White)	84	Votes

ELECTION COMMISSION

Commission Member #2 (3 Year Term) Mary Birdtail 2 Votes

PLEASE fill out **EACH BLANK** completely and return by the Deadline.

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST

I, _____, hereby certify that I am or will be an Eligible Voter
(Print Name)
of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe on or before June 18, 2011. I cannot physically be present to cast my Vote at the **June 18, 2011 Run Off Election**, therefore, I am requesting an Absentee Ballot be mailed to me at the following address.

Name (please print): _____
(first) (middle) (maiden) (last)

Address:_____ City:_____ St:_____ Zip:_____

CDIB#:_____ Date of Birth: _____

Signature:_____ Date: _____

All **REQUESTS** must be returned to the Election Commission by the deadline of
May 29, 2011

Mail to:
Absentee Shawnee Election Commission
P.O. Box 741
Tecumseh, OK 74873

Fax to:
Fax # (405) 273-1337 (Do not fax to any other fax #)
Phone: (405) 275-4030 ext. 150
Toll free number 1-800-256-3341 ext.150

Deliver in Person to :
Election Commission Office located in the Tribal Court Building

All eligible voters are entitled to vote either at the Polls or by Absentee Ballot.
For your convenience - This request may be duplicated

ELECTION COMMISSION USE ONLY

Received:_____ Approved:_____ Disapproved: _____

If Disapproved (reason): _____

Denial Letter Mailed:_____ Ballot Mailed:_____

_____
Election Commission/Representative

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Topping Out Ceremony for the construction of the NEW Absentee Shawnee Health Facility

On Tuesday, March 1, 2011, a celebration was held at the construction site of the new AST health facility in Little Axe. This celebration, known as the "Topping Out", signifies that construction has arrived at an important milestone: steel construction of the frame of the building is now complete. During this ceremony, the last steel beam to be placed on top of the building is signed by the construction workers and ceremony attendees. A cedar tree, along with the American and Absentee Shawnee Tribe flags, are mounted atop this beam to symbolize growth and good luck.

Lunch was provided for all construction workers, AST Health employees, and dignitaries from Nabholz Construction, Childers Architect, Architectural Design Group (ADG), and the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. The Ceremony began with a prayer from AST elder Mr. Isaac Gibson, Sr., followed by introductions of the AST Executive Committee, AST Health Board of Directors, and other dignitaries made by Mr. Tim TallChief. Nabholz President, Chris Burnett, gave the history and significance of the Topping Out and the symbolism involved, and thanked the site workers for their hard work and dedication. Acknowledgement speeches were given by IHS Area Director, RADM Kevin Meeks; AST Governor, George Blanchard; AST Secretary, Michelle Lopez; and AST Treasurer Kathy Deere. Nick Wahpepah and Joseph Blanchard sang victory and prayer songs to commemorate the progress. At the close of the ceremony, the last beam was mounted while all in attendance looked on.

This ceremony is a very special and momentous occasion for the entire Absentee Shawnee Tribe. Thank You to those who were able to attend! The support for this new facility has been overwhelming and greatly appreciated. Be sure to join us for the Grand Opening in 2012!

Beam being placed by crane

Beam mounting completed

AST VETERANS ASSOCIATION

The AST Veterans Association held their monthly membership meeting Wednesday, February 16th, at Thunderbird Casino. Among the subjects covered in the meeting were: the Color Guards invitation to post the colors at the Oklahoma City Princess Pow Wow, which will be held at the Heart of Oklahoma Expo Center [1700 W. Independence, Shawnee, OK 74801].

Keith Longhorn Sr. attended the meeting along with his son, Keith Longhorn Jr., who is a committee member on the Tecumseh High School Native American Committee. Longhorn Jr. asked the AST Color Guard to be the honorary Color Guard at the THSNAC Pow Wow (Location TBA) on Saturday, April 23rd.

A fit test was done for members of the Color Guard for the new vests which will now be put in for the final touches. New uniforms, displaying the new emblem, will be unveiled later this year.

Also, the association is still taking charter member applications for the upcoming Tribal American Legion post.

The next meeting will be held at Thunderbird Casino on Wednesday, March 9th, at 7PM. If you would like to find out more about the AST Veterans Association or to schedule the Tribal Color Guard contact John Vanderburg at 405-481-3822 or ast-veterans@gmail.com .

NAWS hosting 'Red, White & G.I. Blues' festival May 21

TULSA, Okla. – The Native American Warrior Society is hosting their first ever music festival this May.

The "Red, White & G.I. Blues" festival is a benefit fundraiser for Native American troops serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and in Afghanistan.

"To my knowledge there has never been an event on behalf of our Native soldiers in the State of Oklahoma," said Janene Alford, coordinator for the event. "This benefit fundraiser is to help continue to raise money for our troops for their monthly care packages."

NAWS started sending care packages Feb. 7, 2009 and their troops have not missed a package since. Alford says they will continue to receive those packages until they all return home safely.

According to Alford, NAWS has sent care packages to troops of several tribal affiliations: Sac and Fox; Hochunck; Navajo; Keetoowah; Absentee Shawnee; Muscogee Creek; Choctaw; Chippewa and many more.

"Osage Million Dollar Elm Casino is our main contributor for this year's memorable event. The Osage Nation has been very good to us over the last two years and we wish to thank them for the generosity. Without them this would not be possible," Alford said.

Garland Kent Jr. is the promoter for this event and he has done the work on acquiring most of the bands the lineup. Kent also hosts an annual event in Ponca City called the "Blues for Food Music Festival" and has done this every year.

"Mr. Kent is quite a talented person and I know that he will make our event become successful as well as what he has done with his own," she said.

All the bands scheduled to perform are donating their performance for the event.

Randy Webb, president of Juke Zoo, has also agreed to donate his time and staff to do a live webcast of the festival. Thanks to Webb, soldiers from all over the world can watch and listen to the festival in real time online at www.jukezoo.com.

"Randy has been a main person to help the society with our fundraisers. He is always ready to lend a hand when it pertains to our soldiers," Alford said.

The bands scheduled to perform as of press time are: Wanda Watson Band; Morrison 33; Mikel Daggett & the Blood Washed Band; Native Circle; and the Jaspa Kings.

The concert will start at 2:00 p.m. and run until 11:00 p.m. Saturday May 21st, at the Cains Ballroom in Tulsa, Okla. Tickets may be purchased at the door that day. Tickets are $15.00 for General Admission. No one permitted under the age of 21.

"It's Armed Forces Day. What better day would it be to honor all veterans?" Alford asked.

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Last Will & Testament

(Wills Clinic)

Thursday, April 28, 2011

Little Axe Resource Center

Please call OILS at

(405) 943-6457

to make an appointment

Happy 17th Birthday Ariel Ellis! From grandpa and grandma

Happy 3rd Birthday (Hossy) Marcus D. Spoon from grandpa

Happy Belated Birthday Ashley Brokeshoulder from mom and dad

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

April 1st: To our CFO daughter Pam Whinery

April 10th: Marty Kanitobe love, your sisters and brother

April 19th: Leigha Kelsey love, mema and papa

April 28th: Jenefer Sloan love, your sisters and brother

To Felix Creek Happy Belated Birthday and Happy 2nd Anniversary I love you very much! From Sherry Creek

Alberty, Shannon Venita
Alexander, Rachel Paulette
Alford Jr., Eugene Ray
Alford, Ray Wildcat
Arms, Steven Anthony
Armstrong, Tina Marie
Barnes, Hollin Kade Eugene
Bates, Johnna Suzanne
Batson-Vasquez, Amber Danielle
Berry, Collin Michael
Bettelyoun, Cameron Jake
Blanchard II, Clifford Ray
Blanchard, Baley Andrea
Blanchard, Harry James
Blanchard, Jahkahri HayLéroy
Blanchard, John Christopher
Bradley, Willard Lee
Bradshaw, Jana Marie
Brady, Scott Edgar
Brokeshoulder Jr., Clifton
Brokeshoulder, Eddie K.
Brown, Jennifer Leah
Bryce, Shayla Maelyn
Buckley, Dawna Michele
Burkhart, Joe Louis
Butler, Matthew Aaron
Byers, Reanna Nicole
Byers, Zachary Elias
Byrd, Lyndell D Armond
Caires, Vanessa Little Axe
Charley, Mary Serene
Chisholm, Carly Nicole
Clark, Dallas Joseph
Clark, Dave George
Coddington, Michael Richard
Coffee, Sahaunie Nicole
Coon Jr., Stacy William
Creek Sr., Albert
Creek, Amber Lee
Creek, Eunice Marie
Creek, Stevie Eli
Cryder, Michael Lawrence
Davis Sr., Edward Leroy
Davis, Jyquale Lee De`shon
Deere, Neva Lee (Larney)
Dibler, Dale G.
Doussett, Delisha Ann
Draper, Reuben James
Draper, Russell Lee
Ellis, Ariel Raquel
Ellis, Russell Bruce
Fife, Andrew Jacob
Frank, Janice Arlene
Garfield, Alicia Raejhaun
Gibson, Darianne Alexander
Gibson, Jaysan Baylee
Gibson, Mary Ann
Gibson, Melonie Dian
Gibson, Norma Jean
Gibson, Randall Glen
Gilman, Robert Everett
Goodwin, Dawn Marie
Goodwin, Larry Tiger
Gouge Jr., Marg
Gouge, Courtney Waynell
Graham, Charles Robert
Grass, Solomon Wayne
Griffin, Ladawn Abraham
Hamon-Breeden, Katie Marie
Harjo, Timothy A.
Harris, Monte Lee
Harvey II, Johnny Troy
Haumpy, Ariann Renee
Haumpy, Gage Allen
Hernandez, Curtis David
Hill, Trent David
Holderness, Samantha Grace
Hollenbeck, May Angela
Hood, Randolph Paul
Hudson, Latasha Kay
Hunt, Leeona Lucile
Hurst, Maegan Nicole
Hurst, Merle Laverne
Jacobs, Maria Elena
Jacobs, Stormie Raelein
James, Na`chelle Ardena Mae
Johnson Jr, David Lee
Johnson, Adison Graci Mae
Johnson, Justice Lonewolf
Johnson, Richard Michael
Johnson, Shoshanna Louise
Johnson, Victoria Maria
Johnson, Zachary Howard
Jones, Anita Louise
Judd Jr., Thomas Ray
Kaniatobe, Marjorie Ann
Kelsey, Leigha Marie
Kennedy II, James Walter
Key, Christian Trey
Kilmer, Lelia Lashell
Kinnamon Jr, Larry Leon
Kinsey, Margie
Lasenberry, Lawrence Gordon
Little Axe Jr., Troy Lee
Little Axe, Diane Gail
Little Axe, Jordan Kane
Little Axe, Joshua Taylor
Little Axe, Kaylee Jean
Little Axe, Shiloh Blue
Little Charley, Evelyn Lavon
Little Creek, Alex
Little Creek, Lawrence Keith
Little Jr., Gilbert Boyd
Littlebear, Tonya Lynn
Littlecreek, Nelson Joe Thackery
Littlecreek, Samantha Jolene
Littlecreek, Thomas Eugene
Longhorn, Darrell Wayne
Longhorn, Leonard Wayne
Longhorn, Twila Olene
Longhorn, Vincent Wade
Longman, Cherokee Dakota
Longman, Trina Ann
Mack Sr., Thomas James
Malone, Riley
Mann, Raymond Freeland
Mann, Richard Freeman
Mann, Savanah Nicole
Mann, Taylor Lawrence
Markwardt, Franklin Thomas
Martin, April Denise
Martin, Kinley Rae
Martinez, Amaya Rynae
Martinez, Danielle Lynn
Mason, Suzanna Rachel Powell
Masquas, Phillip Jon
Masquat, Iola Renee
Massey, Karen Sue
Mattingly, Alana Irene
Mayo, Melba Mary
McBride, Alice Jean Dirt
McDaniel, Karen Diane
McGirt, Dana Dale
Meek, Phillip Edward
Megyesi, Charles Stevens
Milburn, Heather Renee
Mills, Brian Richard

Mohawk, Curtis Roy
Monroe, Pamela Sue
Morgan, Summer Dawn
Morin, Misty Twylight Couch
Morton, Joshua David
Nakamoto, Gina Jessica
Nelson Jr, Daniel Lee
Ness, Mary Ellen
Nowlin, Pak Louise
Ochoa, Alejandro Juan
Owdetallah, Angela Marie
Oxley, Stephanie Renee
Pack, Christie Lorraine
Parker, Elizabeth Isabelle
Parker, Sarah Lynn
Pawpa, Shirley Ann
Petit, Sherri Ann
Ponkilla, Yvonne Diane
Powell, Tammy Marie
Raisbeck, Cathy Jean
Richey, Jennifer Lynn
Robertson, Winifred L.
Rolette, Gregory Shawn
Roller, Geraldine M Bradley
Runsabove, Bryce Leigh
Ryder, Vanessa Louise
Sanchez, Citlali
Sellers, Levi Dalton
Shawnee, Jaxon Avery
Shawnee, Sharon Dale
Sherrill, Penelope
Sloan, Jenifer
Smith, Joshua Dean
Smith, Noah Ryan
Snake, Archie Ellis
Soap, Alpha Christine
Spoon, Ashley Donelle
Spoon, Marques Dwyane
Spoon, Samuel Lee
Spriggs, Brian Lee
Spybuck, Adrianne Eileen
Spybuck, Larry Eldon
Spybuck, Thomas Mark
Squire, Billie Gene
Squire, Samson Robert
Squire, Wilbur James
Starr-Fuentez, Olivia Angelina
Stephens, William Lee
Stewart, Saundra Leigh
Stone Sr., James Lee
Stone, Dawn Michelle
Sullivan, Tiffany Chantele
Sumka, Lena Darcille
Switch #466260, Traci Lynn
Switch, Charles William
Taryole, Trevor Seth
Tascier, Timothy Andrew
Tenner, Taylor Denise
Thompson, Rhonda Gail
Thornhill, Westly Lynn
Thorpe, Brady Wayne
Thorpe, Mary Catherine
Tieyah, Lavern Wilson
Tiger, Patricia Ann
Tiger, Stephon Michael
Wabaunasee, Thelma Jean
Wallace, Kay Laverne
Walley, Johnny Ray
Warrior, Marcellus James
Washington, David Axe
Washington, Kenneth
Washington, Kevin Bryan
Washington, Samantha Lynn
Watkins, Autum Paige
Watson, Frankie Louise Kaseca
Watson, Jayden Tyler Scott
Whinery, Pamela Jean
White, Brenda Kaye
White, Wesley Shane
Whited, Kimberly Diane
Whittington, Charlene E.
Williams, Seth Andreas
Wilson, Alize` Jade
Wilson, Damon Allen
Wilson, Drake Kenneth Ryle
Wilson, Ethan Hawke
Wilson, Gabriel Ahboah
Wilson, Harold Wayne
Wilson, Howard Gene
Wilson, James Wayne
Witt, Joseph Andrew
Wunderlin, Travis Rece

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations Katie Howell! Katie was the 1st place winner of the Junior Girls Southern Cloth contest on Saturday, March 12, 2011 at the Expo Center in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

THANK YOU

I would like to say ne ya way to everybody that came to support my daughter and son in law's on their wedding day. A special thank you to pastor Sunny Stuart and Kimberly Watson Davis for all their help. Thank you mvto ne ya way!

Graduation Dance

For

Shelby Lynn White Thunder

"Nis-Sen-Nah"

(Eagle Woman)

May 14, 2011

Concho Community Building
Concho, Ok

Gourd Dance To Begin At: 3:00p.m.
Supper At: 5:00p.m.
*Gourd Dance To Follow After Supper

MC: Eddie Wilson
HS: James Redbird
HMD: Alvin Sage Sr.
HLD: Sherry Wells
HTG: Liyahna Bender
HTB: Cheyenne Pocowatchit
Host: Oklahoma Indian Nations Powwow Committee
Ad's: Stormy & Dakota Black

Contact Tommy White Thunder for more information 405-329-4051 or 405-535-6347
Family Is Not Responsible For Any Theft Or Accidents. No Drug Or Alcohol Allowed

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

WANNETTA BATTISE
JANUARY 2011
EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

She is very dedicated and always has a kind word for everyone. We can depend on her to answer the phones daily, She opens and sorts the Tribe's huge incoming mail, friendly to everyone, ready to help the tribal members or employees. We believe she doesn't get thanked enough for all she does. If you ever answered phones, it can get pretty tiresome, especially with as many lines as the Tribe carries. Since we've been here, we haven't heard any complaints about her. We believe she is a diligent, hardworking employee and deserves to be recognized.

GENEVIEVE FOSTER
FEBRUARY 2011
EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

She is always willing to assist/help anyone in the Finance department. You can call on her if you have grant questions, need financial information pertaining to grants and a very conscientious worker. She has passed all four(4) parts of her CPA exams and she even finished during her pregnancy! She handles the finance department in the Controller's absence and makes very insightful decisions. She is very knowledgeable in her job and can answer any questions concerning the grants, she oversees. She displays exceptional professional ability, foresight, mature judgment, and logical application of sound management principles, she is outstanding successful in all that she does.

THE GOVERNOR'S CORNER

Governor's corner for march newsletter:

1. cold
 wa pe
2. hot
 ke se ta
3. burn
 na po fo
4. freeze
 fo ki ta ne we
5. slip on the ice
 so se ke se na
6. slide down the hill
 le wi ma ke ka se so se ke se na pa
7. thaw
 la ke ta
8. melt
 la ke fo
9. it sure is cold today
 we ko ge wa pe ya se wi pi ke
10. it will start to get warm tomorrow
 ho wa si ke so we ke sa ke wi pi ke
11. the pond is frozen
 fo ki ta ne we he ne me se ka qe
12. all the snow will melt today, because the sun is shining
 wa gi ke la ke fo he ni ko ni ke si ka hi la me hi qi ta ta

Remember this, "using our words, saves our words".

George Blanchard, Governor

CATCH Evidence-Based Community Intervention

On February 26, 2011 successful collaboration between the Absentee Shawnee Community Health & Prevention programs, REACH US and the Diabetes Initiative partnered with the Shawnee Public Schools (SPS) Indian Education Title VII Powwow. The powwow is coordinated by the Shawnee Indian Education Parent Committee with the help of many sponsors and supporters including the Absentee Shawnee Tribe, Sac and Fox Nation, Citizen Potawatomie Nation, Kickapoo Tribe, the SPS Indian Education staff and parent committee, students, their families, community members, and the Shawnee Public School District.

REACH US and Diabetes staff had the opportunity to provide community outreach by implementing CATCH activities which stands for Coordinated Approach to Child Health and is an evidence-based school health, after school, and community program designed to promote physical activity, healthy food choices and the prevention of tobacco use in children. The AST staff had the opportunity to provide CATCH activities during the Shawnee Public Schools powwow this year and was a big success as to the number of youth involved. By teaching our children that eating healthy and being physically active every day can be FUN, the CATCH program has proven that establishing healthy habits in childhood can promote behavior changes that can last a lifetime.

Tara Conway, MS, RD/LD, CDE with the Diabetes Initiative Program provided a educational game on nutrition of Go foods, Slow foods, or Whoa foods.

The youth enjoyed the games and learning to make healthy food choices.

The REACH program provided an activity on tobacco prevention. Thomasina Goodeagle showcased her colored pledge "Be Smart Say No To Smoking".

Rosie Tallbear, Physical Activity Specialist led physical activity games and the importance of daily exercise for at least 30 minutes.

Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline
1 800 QUIT NOW

Supported by the Cooperative Agreement Number 5U58/ DP001094-04 from CDC.

5320

A statewide campaign with four numbers appeared all over the state last month 5320. The number was not understood…until now. Campaigners revealed the meaning on February 15th, saying 5320 stands for the number of lives that could be saved each year in Oklahoma by raising the general health awareness of the state's health. In 2009 Oklahoma ranked 49th out of the 50 states in general health. The states current health ranking is 46th in the nation. The measurement system includes tobacco use, obesity, air pollution, immunizations, alcohol use, preventable hospitalizations, infant mortality and other factors. Oklahoma's major challenges listed high rates of smoking and obesity with limited availability of primary care physicians.

Oklahoma has a blueprint to improve the ranking through the Oklahoma Health Improvement Plan. For the plan to work, each person must get involved in improving our health outcomes. By working together and learning more maximizes the opportunity for all Oklahomans to lead long healthy lives by restoring local rights.

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Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Domestic Violence Program will be having awareness activities throughout the month of April. Our goal is to spread the word about Sexual Assault to try and reduce the incidents that occur each year. If you have questions about the services we provide, or are a victim who needs help please contact us. We provide confidential one-on-one services with out judgment. Help make a difference and join us in the awareness!

Victims of sexual assault are:

3 times more likely to suffer from depression.

6 times more likely to suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder.

13 times more likely to abuse alcohol.

26 times more likely to abuse drugs.

4 times more likely to contemplate suicide.

For more information or services:

Linda Gouge
Sexual Assault Advocate
Absentee Shawnee Tribe
405-275-4030 ext. 206

Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Program
Stalking Information

Stalking is a crime that can touch anyone, regardless of gender, race, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, geographic location, or personal associations. Stalking refers to repeated harassing or threatening behavior by an individual, such as following a person, appearing at a person's home or place of business, making harassing phone calls, leaving written messages or objects, or vandalizing a person's property, according to the U.S. Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime (OVC). Any unwanted contact between two people that directly or indirectly communicate a threat or place the victim in fear can be considered stalking.

Unfortunately, there is no single psychological or behavioral profile for stalkers. Every stalker is different. This makes it virtually impossible to devise a single effective strategy that can be applied to every situation. It is vital that stalking victims immediately seek the advice of local victim specialists who can work with them to devise a safety plan for their unique situation and circumstances.

Some stalkers develop an obsession for another person with whom they have no personal relationship. When the victim does not respond as the stalker hopes, the stalker may attempt to force the victim to comply by use of threats and intimidation. When threats and intimidation fail, some stalkers turn to violence.

The most prevalent type of stalking case involves some previous personal or romantic relationship between the stalker and the victim. This includes domestic violence cases and relationships in which there is no history of violence. In these cases, stalkers try to control every aspect of their victims' lives. The victim becomes the stalker's source of self-esteem, and the loss of the relationship becomes the stalker's greatest fear. This dynamic makes a stalker dangerous. Stalking cases that emerge from domestic violence situations, however, are the most lethal type

of stalking. The stalker may attempt to renew the relationship by sending flowers, gifts, and love letters. When the victim spurns these unwelcome advances, the stalker often turns to intimidation. Attempts at intimidation typically begin in the form of an unjustified and inappropriate intrusion into the victim's life.

The intrusions become more frequent over time. This harassing behavior often escalates to direct or indirect threats. Unfortunately, cases that reach this level of seriousness often end in violence.

If you think you are a victim of stalker, you are not alone. The Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program can help, please call (405) 275-4030 and ask for the DV Program. Stalker Kits are available and we will assist you on how to use the kits for your safety.

*Information was provided through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Victims of Crime.

Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Program Staff
Kimberly Stephens, Director/Advocate
Linda Gouge, Sexual Assault Advocate
Jackie Denny, Transitional Housing Manager/Advocate
Deborah Davis, Victim Advocate

Women of Domestic Violence Talking Circle

Everyone is Welcome!!
Come and meet other women that know what you have been through.

Refreshments & Snacks Will Be Provided

Where: Little Axe Resource Center
1970 156th Ave NE
Norman, Ok 73026

When: Every Monday Beginning in March 7, 2011

Time: 6:00-7:00 pm

Hope to see you there!!

CHILD ABUSE & SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH EVENT FOR APRIL

APRIL 1, 2011
BALLOON RELEASE & PROCLAMATION
2:00 PM

Free Drivers Education Course! Contact AST Injury Prevention Program

The Absentee Shawnee Injury Prevention Program is now taking contact information for those who would like to sign their children up who are between the ages of 15 through 18 and have not taken a driver's education course. Two courses will be held at the Shawnee High School during the months of June and July. The course will last approximately three weeks and attendance is mandatory throughout the whole course. The AST Injury Prevention Program will cover the course cost for those who qualify. Qualified candidates must be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe, be between the ages of 15 through 18, and live in Logan, Lincoln, Oklahoma, Cleveland, or Pottawatomie County. Also, for those interested, Injury Prevention will also be offering Defensive Driving Courses throughout the year. Contact IP Coordinator to sign up or get more information. Sacha Almanza, IP Coordinator, 405.878.4702 ext. 175 or come to the AST Contract Health building. Reserved spots will be going fast.

CURRENT JOB POSTINGS AS OF MARCH 8, 2011

GAMING COMMISSION
COURT/LEGAL/POLICE
- Surveillance Director
- Supreme Court Tribal Judge
- Compliance Officer
- Surveillance Operator

LITTLE AXE SMOKE SHOP
- Internal Auditor
- General Manager
- Licensing Agent/Executive Admin Asst.
- Deli Cook

HEALTH
BUILDING BLOCKS
- Executive Director
- Floater
- Staff Physician- Shawnee Clinic
- Director of Pharmacy Services

IN HOUSE ONLY
- Pharmacy Tech
- Health Information Specialist (Health)
- Software Engineer III
- Admin. Assistant (Cultural Pres.)
- Licensed Practical Nurse Case Manager
- Patient Registration Clerk

Job descriptions will be available online:
http://www.astribe.com/Employment.html

If you have any questions about the job positions and their job descriptions you can also contact Briana Ponkilla or Tricia Dietrich in the Human Resources Department at the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at: (405)275-4030.

Lawn mowing service begins the first week of April for our tribal elders.

If you are interested in working and helping our elders, applications are available in the following locations:

Shawnee Complex:
Maintenance department - Rita Harjo
Title VI department - Dos Owings

Little Axe:
Resource center - Bucky Littlecharley

T.E.R.O.
TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS OFFICE

RANDY EDGE
TERO DIRECTOR

2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, OK 74801
redge@astribe.com

Phone 405.275.4030 ext.135
Cell 405.432.9859

Are you out of work? Do you need a job? Come see AST TERO Randy Edge TERO Director for potential jobs in connection with the new AST casino being built in front of the tribal headquarters. Need folks for housekeeping, maintenance, security, player's club, gaming techs, and servers. Come by TERO and fill out a TERO application, please bring picture photo ID, social security card, CDIB, and resume. We can help you prepare for that next job.

ATTENTION!!!
The AST TERO is planning a job fair in conjunction with the new casino being built in front of the tribal campus on Gordon Cooper Drive. Will announce date, time, and place within the next several weeks. Call the TERO office for any questions concerning job fair, job opportunities and training.

April 2011

April 22, 2011 AST Complex will be closed for Good Friday. No Breakfast will be served or delivered.

Easter is on April 24!!!!

We will go to Thunderbird on April 7; we will leave 8:45am at the Title VI Bldg. and return by noon. Homebound will get their regular lunch.

Any questions or concerns you can contact us at 405-275-4030 ext 169.

menu subject to change

2% milk serve daily

April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
LUNCH SERVED MON-THUR. 11AM TO 1PM BREAKFAST SERVED FRIDAY'S 9AM TO 11AM Salad Bar Served at Congregate Meal Site Only			**NOT GOING TO BE HOME CALL AND LET US KNOW AT 405-275-4030 EXT 169 OR NOTIFY YOUR DRIVER.**		1 **Biscuit Gravy Juice**	2
3	4 **Polish Sausage Red Pot. Brussel Sprouts Bread/Pears**	5 **Hot Ham & Chez Pot. Salad Cucumber/Onion Salad P.B. Cookie**	6 **Taco Caserole Ranch Beans Salsa Pineapples**	7 **Chef Salad w/ Chicken Strips Crackers Banana Pudding**	8 **French Toast Sausage Patty Mandrain Oranges**	9
10	11 **Beef Fingers Cabbage Mashed Pot/Gravy Roll/Peaches**	12 **Chicken Fettuccine alfredo Steamed Broccoli Fruit Cocktail**	13 **Roast Mashed Pot/Gravy Carrots Roll/Mand. Oranges**	14 **Salmon Pattie Peas n Carrots Mac n Chez Apricots**	15 **Scrambled Eggs Hashbrowns Sausage Links Juice**	16
17	18 **Chicken Fry Steak Mashed Pot/Gravy Greenbeans Roll/Applesauce**	19 **Hamburger Lett. Tom Pickles Steak Fries Oatmeal Raisin Cookie**	20 **Beef Tips & Rice Veggie Medley Roll/Cobbler**	21 **Navy Beans w/Ham-Onions Pot. Pearls Cornbread Salad Bar***	22 **GOOD FRIDAY AST CLOSED**	23
	25 **Spaghetti meatsauce Tossed Salad* Garlic Toast Mixed Fruit**	26 **Ham Sweet Pot. Beets Roll/Cake**	27 **BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich Pickles/Onions Pot. Salad Pudding**	28 **Chicken Tortilla Casserole Mexi-Corn Salsa Cherry Crisp**	29 **Cereal Biscuit Gravy Fruit**	30

NOTICE

Please call for updated information for
24 HOUR DUI SCHOOL
Call Linda or Glenna at
(405) 275-3432
Everyone welcome

FREE Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Detectors still Available!!

OEH personnel will provide and install smoke alarms and/or carbon monoxide detectors for enrolled Absentee Shawnee tribal members living in Pottawatomie, Cleveland, or Oklahoma County.

Please complete an application/short survey form and schedule a time and date for installation. Application/survey forms are available at the OEH office and at www.astribe.com.

Please contact OEH at 214-4235 for more information.

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE

Enrollment office
Address Change Request

Date: _____ **CDIB#** _____ **Birth Date:** _____

Full Name: _____

New Address: _____

City: _____ **State** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

County: _____ **Home Phone ( )** _____

_____ **Cell Phone (_____)** _____

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Tribal Member Signature **Date**

Please Mail to:
Absentee Shawnee Tribe
Enrollment Office
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, OK. 74801

Foster Parents Needed!!!

Can you open your home and heart for a foster child.? Foster parents provide a temporary, safe home for children in crisis. Foster parents are partners with child welfare workers, lawyers and judges. It is not for everyone but if you have it in your heart - we need you.

- Can you love and care for a child who comes from a difficult background?
- Can you help a child develop a sense of belonging?
- Are you secure in yourself & your parenting Skills?
- Can you maintain a positive attitude toward a child's parents?
- Can you love with all your heart & then let go?

FOSTER PARENTS PROVIDE A TEMPORARY, SAFE HOME FOR CHILDREN IN CRISIS. THEY ARE PARTNERS WITH WORKERS, LAWYERS, AND JUDGES. IT IS NOT FOR EVERYONE! CAN YOU OPEN YOUR HOME AND HEART FOR A FOSTER CHILD?

Many children need a loving home and a family to help them through a very tough time. Please think about it and talk with your family before you become a foster home. They all need safe, supportive environments!

If you find yourself and your family interested in Foster Care, please contact Melissa Lopez
405-275-4030 ext. 166.

LI-SI-WI-NI ABSENTEE SHAWNEE

AST COUNTRY
KITCHEN

Sunday - 7am to 7pm
Monday - 7am to 3pm
Tuesday - 7am to 3pm
Wednesday - 7am to 8pm
Thursday - 7am to 8pm
Friday - 7am to 9pm
Saturday - 7am to 9pm

Early Bird Breakfast

$4.99

2 Eggs/Bacon or Sausage/Hash Browns
Biscuits & Gravy or Toast & Coffee
(Not valid on Saturday or Sunday. 1 coupon per customer.With coupon. No substitutions

Check out our daily homemade lunch specials!

Something different every day!

Open 7 Days A Week!

366-7220

(In Front of Thunderbird Entertainment Center Next to AST Smoke Shop)

Thunderbird CASINO

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL MEMBERS

WE HAVE A PROMOTION JUST FOR YOU

EVERY WEEK RECEIVE $10 FREE SLOT PLAY

Just show your Absentee Shawnee Tribal CDIB Card, to take advantage of the offer.

See Player's Club Desk for complete details

Management reserves the right to change or alter any promotion.

PHARMACY NEWS

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL PHARMACY
SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA

The Absentee Shawnee Tribal Pharmacy (Shawnee Location) can fill prescriptions for enrolled tribal citizens only.

The Absentee Shawnee Tribal Clinic Pharmacy in Little Axe can fill prescriptions for tribal citizens written by Physicians not located a Tribal Clinic under the following circumstances:

1. The prescription is for an Absentee Shawnee Tribal citizen who has an established chart at the Little Axe Clinic.
2. The prescription is on the formulary of approved medications and stocked in the pharmacy.

The following are a few tips to help us deliver pharmacy services to you more efficiently;

- ✔ Present insurance cards each time you pick up or drop off a prescription.
- ✔ Keep us informed of all changes in address, phone number and other contact information.
- ✔ Let the Pharmacy staff know if the prescription is going to be picked up or needs to be delivered.
- ✔ If you have any questions concerning your prescription please feel free to call and talk to our Pharmacist. They are here to assist you with your pharmaceutical needs.

If you'd like to submit an ad or article give us a call at (405) 275-4030 ext. 146 or send us an e-mail at mediadept@astribe.com

ALL ARTICLES WILL BE SUBMITTED AS RECEIVED.

Office of Environmental Health & Engineering

- **Tribal Housing Improvements Application**

The Tribal Housing Improvement Program's goal is providing sanitary, safe, and decent housing for its members by utilizing the following criteria to select the most "in need" tribal members with homes that are in disrepair but are still suitable for rehabilitation. All applicants must meet the eligibility requirements and criteria which is approved by the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.

THIP list all applicants by a priority list:

a. Handicapped/Disabled and Elderly
b. Income
c. Family Size/Overcrowded Living Conditions
d. Condition of Home

Other Programs available:

- **Sanitation Facililties Assistance Program**

Applictions need to be completed and all necessary documents attached before the application will be processed.

Applications are available online on the website: www.astribe.com.
Submit completed application to:

Office of Environmental Health & Engineering
Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.
Shawnee, Ok 74801

Absentee Shawnee Tribe Complex
Office of Environmental Health & Engineering, Building 13
If you have any questions, you can reach us by phone at (405) 214-4235

Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

Little Axe Clinic • Little Axe Dental Clinic
15702 E. Hwy 9
Norman, Oklahoma 73026

Phone: (405) 447-0300 Fax: (405) 447-2250

Clinic Operating Hours
Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Weekends/Federal Holidays Closed

*** Clinic and Pharmacy will be closed the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m**

Absentee Shawnee Tribe
of Indians of Oklahoma
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.
Shawnee, OK 74801

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Shawnee, OK 74801

Return Service
Requested

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

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TRIBAL PHONE NUMBERS

Tribal Complex	(405) 275-4030
or	1-800 256-3341
Building Blocks	(405) 878-0633
Health Programs	(405) 878-4702
or	1-877-878-4702
Little Axe Clinic	(405) 447-0300
Little Axe Dental	(405) 307-9704
Shawnee Clinic	(405) 878-5850
Shawnee Pharmacy	(405) 878-5859
Behavioral Health	(405) 878-4716
LA Resource Center	(405) 364-7298
or	(405) 364-7569
LA Cultural Center	(405) 447-3372
AST Police	(405) 275-3200
or	(405) 275-3432
OEH/OEP	(405) 214-4235
AS Housing Authority	(405) 273-1050
Thunderbird Casino	(405) 360-9270
Or	1-800-259-LUCK
AST Media Dept	(405) 598-1279
AST Media Dept Fax	(405) 598-1294
AST Tribal Grocery & SmokeShop Little Axe	(405) 364-0668
AST Country Kitchen	(405) 366-7220
AST Smokeshop in Harrah	(405) 454-0055